(b) whether Government propose to make the Ahmedabad—Rajkot road as a four-lane one; if so, by when the project would be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Since the 8th Plant is not yet finalised, it is too early to say when any of the roads proposed might be declared as National Highways.

(b) No, Sir. However, a length of 15.8 Km of this road is already 4-lanes or being developed to 4-lanes, and 4-laning of another 1.2 km is included in the Annual Plan of 1990-91.

Incentives for the North-Eastern States

*386. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had recommended some special measures and incentives for establishment of trade and industry in the North-Eastern States with a view to ensure comprehensive development of those States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry had also recommended some relief in the fiscal laws for the enterprises/industries in the North-Eastern States; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what were Government's decisions on these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Loss of Jobs and Properties by the Indians Returning from Iraq and Kuwait

*390. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Indians are still held up in Kuwait and Iraq;

(b) whether it is a fact that those who have returned here have become jobless and that their property abroad are in danger of confiscation or wrongful possession;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action being taken in the matter on an urgent basis?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Before the current hostilities number of Indians in Kuwait and Iraq was estimated to be 1,72,000 and 9,000 respectively. A large number of these Indian nationals are still in Kuwait and Iraq.

(b) to (d) Government are not aware of any decision by the local authorities in Kuwait and Iraq to render those who have come back jobless or to confiscate their properties. However, Government are conscious that a large scale scheme of rehabilitation is likely to become necessary. In the view of Government, this will have to be part of a national effort involving the Central and State Governments, and other governmental and non-governmental agencies.

Terrorists arrested in Jammu and Kashmir

*391. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of terrorists arrested (month-wise) in Jammu and Kashmir during each of the last 3 years and also since 1st January, 1990;

(b) the number of those who have been released without prosecution during the same period and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of terrorists who have been prosecuted and sentenced by a court of law; and

(b) whether all arrested terrorists have been put in Jammu and Kashmir jails if not, the number of those who have been lodged outside the State?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.